

Keene, NH



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Cheshire
Keene NH Micro-NECTA
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District 2 (All Wards)
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Cheshire County Districts 4, 16 (Ward 1) 5, 16 (Ward 2) 6, 16 (Ward 3) 7, 16 (Ward 4) 8, 16 (Ward 5)

Incorporated: 1753

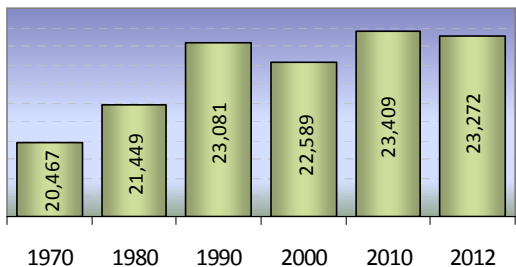
Origin: This territory was first granted in 1735 as Upper Ashuelot to soldiers in the wars against Canada, and intended to be a fort town. Establishment of the Massachusetts-New Hampshire boundary in 1753 made it one of the largest towns in New England. Under regrant by the New Hampshire governor, the town was named in honor of Sir Benjamin Keene of England, an associate of Governor Wentworth in the Spanish West Indies trade. Keene was incorporated as a city in 1873. The Keene Normal School, now Keene State College, was founded here in 1909. The annual Keene Pumpkin Festival has set eight world records for the largest number of lit jack-o-lanterns, reaching 28,952 in 2003.

Villages and Place Names: North Swanzey, South Keene, Marlborough

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,314 residents in 1790



Cheshire County



Population Trends: Population change for Keene, including resident students, totaled 5,710 over 52 years, from 17,562 in 1960 to 23,272 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a 17 percent increase between 1960 and 1970; the city decreased in population between 1990 and 2000. The 2012 Census estimate for Keene was 23,272 residents, which ranked 11th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 628.5 persons per square mile of land area. Keene contains 37.3 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

| MUNICIPAL SERVICES | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Type of Government | Mayor, Council, & Manager | |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2013-2014 | \$57,815,450 | |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2013-2014 | \$62,756,947 | |
| Zoning Ordinance | 1927/07 | |
| Master Plan | 2010 | |
| Capital Improvement Plan | Yes | |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By | Planning Board | |

Boards and Commissions

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| Elected: | City Council |
| Appointed: | Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Cemetery |

Public Library **Keene Public**

| EMERGENCY SERVICES | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Police Department | Full-time | |
| Fire Department | Municipal | |
| Emergency Medical Service | Municipal | |
| Nearest Hospital(s) | Distance | Staffed Beds |
| Cheshire Medical Center, Keene | Local | 140 |

| UTILITIES | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Electric Supplier | PSNH | |
| Natural Gas Supplier | Keene Gas Corp | |
| Water Supplier | Keene Water Department | |
| Sanitation | Municipal | |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | Yes | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | | |
| Curbside Trash Pickup | None | |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program | No | |
| Recycling Program | Mandatory | |
| Telephone Company | Fairpoint | |
| Cellular Telephone Access | Yes | |
| Cable Television Access | Yes | |
| Public Access Television Station | Yes | |
| High Speed Internet Service: | Business | Yes |
| | Residential | Yes |

| PROPERTY TAXES | | (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration) |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$31.40 | |
| 2012 Equalization Ratio | 106.4 | |
| 2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$33.03 | |
| 2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | 61.6% | |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 35.6% | |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 2.7% | |

| HOUSING | | (ACS 2007-2011) |
|---|--------------|-----------------|
| Total Housing Units | 9,810 | |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | 5,131 | |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | 2,063 | |
| Five or More Units in Structure | 2,220 | |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | 396 | |

| DEMOGRAPHICS | | (US Census Bureau) |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Total Population | Community | County |
| 2012 | 23,272 | 76,851 |
| 2010 | 23,409 | 77,117 |
| 2000 | 22,589 | 73,993 |
| 1990 | 23,081 | 70,223 |
| 1980 | 21,449 | 62,116 |
| 1970 | 20,467 | 52,364 |

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011

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| Population by Gender | | |
| Male | 10,808 | Female 12,668 |

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| Population by Age Group | |
| Under age 5 | 793 |
| Age 5 to 19 | 5,279 |
| Age 20 to 34 | 5,927 |
| Age 35 to 54 | 5,409 |
| Age 55 to 64 | 2,684 |
| Age 65 and over | 3,384 |
| Median Age | 34.0 years |

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| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over | |
| High school graduate or higher | 90.2% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 35.6% |

| INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ | | (ACS 2007-2011) |
|--|--|-----------------|
| Per capita income | | \$25,631 |
| Median 4-person family income | | \$73,717 |
| Median household income | | \$48,441 |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | | |
| Male | | \$49,230 |
| Female | | \$35,637 |
| Families below the poverty level | | 7.2% |

| LABOR FORCE | | | (NHES – ELMI) |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Annual Average | 2002 | 2012 | |
| Civilian labor force | 12,199 | 12,377 | |
| Employed | 11,798 | 11,754 | |
| Unemployed | 401 | 623 | |
| Unemployment rate | 3.3% | 5.0% | |

| EMPLOYMENT & WAGES | | | | (NHES – ELMI) |
|---|---------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| Annual Average Covered Employment | 2002 | 2012 | | |
| Goods Producing Industries | | | | |
| Average Employment | 3,650 | 2,693 | | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 794 | \$1,032 | | |
| Service Providing Industries | | | | |
| Average Employment | 12,868 | 13,565 | | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 551 | \$ 807 | | |
| Total Private Industry | | | | |
| Average Employment | 16,517 | 16,258 | | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 605 | \$ 845 | | |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | | | |
| Average Employment | 2,360 | 2,566 | | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 601 | \$ 882 | | |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | | | |
| Average Employment | 18,878 | 18,824 | | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 604 | \$ 850 | | |

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Keene operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 29**
 Career Technology Center(s): **The Cheshire Career Center, Keene; Fall Mountain Regional High School - CTE, Langdon; Windham Regional Career Center, Brattleboro, VT** Region: **13**

| Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
|---|----------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Number of Schools | 5 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Grade Levels | P K 1-5 | 6-8 | 9-12 | P K 1-12 |
| Total Enrollment | 1,274 | 631 | 1,506 | 472 |

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England; Franklin Pierce University**

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **16** Total Capacity: **822**

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic-Keene | Health care services | 1,457 | 1892 |
| Keene State College | Education | 929 | 1909 |
| C & S Wholesale Grocers | Wholesale foods | 900 | 2004 |
| Keene School District | Education | 775 | |
| Smith Industrial Medical Systems | Hospital supplies | 450 | 1971 |
| Liberty Mutual/Peerless Insurance Company | Insurance services | 426 | 1901 |
| Imaje Corporation | Industrial marking equipment | 417 | 1911 |
| National Grange Mutual Insurance | Insurance services | 347 | 1923 |
| TimKen Super Precision | Mini & precision bearings | 310 | 1941 |
| Janos Technologies | Precision infared optics | 72 | 1970 |

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

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|--|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Road Access | US Routes | |
| | State Routes | 9, 10, 12, 12A, 32, 101 |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit | | I-91 (VT), Exit 3 |
| | Distance | 17 miles |
| Railroad | | No |
| Public Transportation | | City Express |
| Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation | | |
| Dillant-Hopkins, Keene | Runway | 6,201 ft. asphalt |
| Lighted? Yes | Navigation Aids? | Yes |
| Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service | | |
| Manchester-Boston Regional | Distance | 57 miles |
| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport | | 4 |
| Driving distance to select cities: | | |
| Manchester, NH | | 55 miles |
| Portland, Maine | | 150 miles |
| Boston, Mass. | | 85 miles |
| New York City, NY | | 222 miles |
| Montreal, Quebec | | 243 miles |

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2007-2011*)

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Workers 16 years and over | |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | 71.7% |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van | 8.4% |
| Public transportation | 0.2% |
| Walked | 12.7% |
| Other means | 2.4% |
| Worked at home | 4.7% |
| Mean Travel Time to Work | 5.8 minutes |

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011

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| Working in community of residence | 88.9 |
| Commuting to another NH community | 4.5 |
| Commuting out-of-state | 6.6 |

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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| X | Municipal Parks |
| X | YMCA/YWCA |
| | Boys Club/Girls Club |
| X | Golf Courses |
| X | Swimming: Indoor Facility |
| X | Swimming: Outdoor Facility |
| X | Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility |
| X | Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility |
| | Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility |
| X | Bowling Facilities |
| X | Museums |
| X | Cinemas |
| X | Performing Arts Facilities |
| X | Tourist Attractions |
| X | Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H) |
| X | Youth Sports: Baseball |
| X | Youth Sports: Soccer |
| X | Youth Sports: Football |
| | Youth Sports: Basketball |
| X | Youth Sports: Hockey |
| X | Campgrounds |
| X | Fishing/Hunting |
| | Boating/Marinas |
| X | Snowmobile Trails |
| X | Bicycle Trails |
| X | Cross Country Skiing |
| | Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area |
| | Overnight or Day Camps |
| | Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Ascutney (VT) |
| | Other: Hiking |